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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

FROM: Acting Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Congressional Briefings - Hughes/Ryan Amendment

REFERENCE: OGC 78-2894, dtd 3 May 78; Same Subject

1. In response to referent memorandum, all requests for briefings on matters pertaining to Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (Hughes/Ryan), are fully coordinated with the DDO and the DCI by the OLC officer receiving such a request or by me personally. Any written presentations on these matters are either originated by the DDO or coordinated with the DDO fully before being signed or transmitted to the Hill. Since [] is the OGC representative in the DDO, it has been presumed that he was involved in the coordination. If that is not the case, I suggest that [] arrange for consultation with [] and Don Gregg, the DDO officers responsible for preparation of material being transmitted to the Hill on covert action prior to the information being forwarded to OLC.

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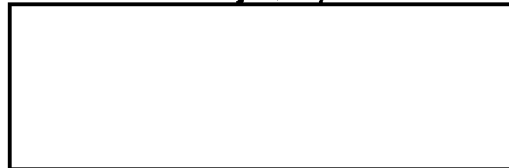
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2. With reference to your question on retrieval of information from the files, we have a folder on each covert action briefing and in that folder is a copy of the transcript (if one was taken), with the exception of the House Permanent Select Committee who do not give us copies of transcripts because of the FOIA problem, along with the statement and a memorandum for the record on the briefings. We maintain a listing of all covert action findings with notations of when each Committee was alerted to the finding and when they were briefed. We also maintain a file on reports to the President on these briefings and the comments made by the Committee members. All of this material is available

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within a matter of minutes. All we need is a date and what you want from the file. As you know, Committee rules prohibit duplication of transcripts so we are reluctant to set up another file system.

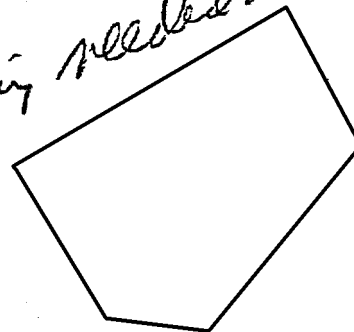
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Acting/Legislative Counsel

Tim
If there is a real
problem here that I am
missing let me know.
Indeed, I believe OGC input and
knowledge of what's happening essential -
I presume channels being used. If not,
we'll do anything needed on our end.

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